

Orem, Utah
Oct. 24, 1990

Dear Dr. Greene

In going through my pictures I found I only had 2 or 3 of the saw mill. Most of the saw milling was done before I joined the family.

As I remember these are from one of the sawmills in Lake Creek.

They had two different locations in Lake Creek & one in Strawberry Valley (Clyde Creek).

The brown one I don't know where it was taken.

Sorry I couldn't help you more.

If my husband were here he could talk to you for hours about the mills.

If any of these pictures will be of any use to you - you are welcome to have copies of them.

Yours truly
Bernice Thacker

4 B & W
wallet
Thacker Mill

Mrs. Wilson Thacker
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Orem, Utah 84057

Thacker file



R. Raymond Green, M.D.

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Indeed, one of Brigham Young's chief purposes in building the Provo Canyon road was to make this timber readily available.²⁰ In this region were millions of board feet of marketable saw timber. In addition to the main stands of Douglas fir and Engelman spruce there were vast stands of aspen and scattered stands of white and alpine fir, all of which were heavily logged as the region was opened.

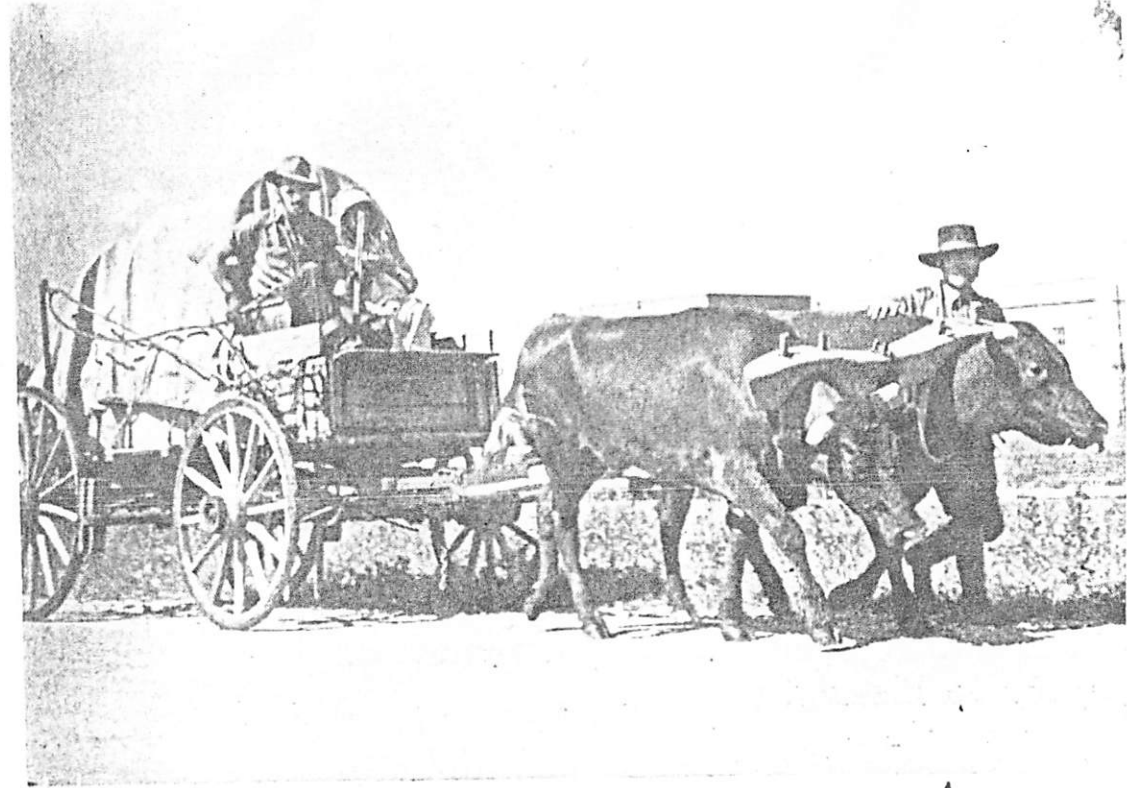
Saw mills began to spring forth all over the valley as soon as the settlers arrived. In the winter of 1859-60 William Meeks and James Adams with companions went up Center Creek Canyon and got out timber for a saw mill. This was the pioneer saw mill in the Provo Valley, and it began turning out lumber in the fall of 1860.²¹

²⁰*Journal History*, June 6, 1858, p. 2.

²¹Crook, "History of Wasatch County," *op. cit.*, p. 7.



Thacker's early sawmill: Charles Thacker standing center and John M. Thacker right rear.



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Floyd
Thacker

Freighting by oxen

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Charles
David
Thacker